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STORMWATER PROTECTION

Stormwater is rainwater and snow or ice melt. When stormwater flows across parking lots and streets, it can pick up pollutants that empty directly into our creeks and lakes through Abilene's storm drain system. Pollutants entering these drains flow untreated to the water bodies that we use for drinking water, swimming and fishing.

Best management practices (BMPs) are specific steps to prevent stormwater pollution as a result of day-to-day activities. All employees must make every effort to keep pollutants from going down the storm drain by putting the following BMPs into practice.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

- Keep outdoor areas free from trash, dirt, litter and debris.
- Keep lids closed on dumpsters and recycle containers.
- Perform all maintenance and repair work outside.



SPILLS & LEAKS

- Maintain cleaning equipment (tanks, hoses, and fittings) to prevent wastewater leaks.
- Securely store all materials and equipment in vehicles during transport.
- Use secondary containment for storage areas that are likely to create a discharge.
- Keep spill cleanup equipment in or near all work areas.
- If a spill occurs, control, contain, and clean up immediately using dry cleanup practices. Clean up and dispose of dirty absorbent properly. If a spill reaches the storm drain system, notify Abilene's Stormwater Services by calling 325-437-4937

OUTDOOR MATERIAL STORAGE & HANDLING

- Take precautions and protect storm drains, if present, when receiving bulk liquid deliveries and during loading and unloading.
- Cover and provide secondary containment for materials and containers stored outside.

OUTDOOR WASHING & CLEANING

- Discharge wastewater from cleaning equipment to a holding tank, sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer.
- After cleaning, wastewater from holding tanks can be discharged to: 1) the sanitary sewer at your business facility, or 2) a toilet or utility sink on your customer's premises.
- Filter all wastewater before discharging it to the sanitary sewer since debris in the wastewater can clog pipes.

BEST BEHAVIORS

- Limit the application of sand/salt, deicer, fertilizer, pesticides, paints, and other chemicals by employees, tenants, and contractors.
- Make sure all contractors, including landscapers, pressure washers, hood cleaners, painters, and carpet cleaners, are aware of their responsibility to protect stormwater drains.
- Dispose of wastewater, including chlorinated water, fire suppression water, HVAC, or boiler cleaning water, pool water, street sweeping water, and storm drain cleaning water to a sanitary sewer, or use BMPs outlined in permits and guidance.